

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE HOLY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF TROY

ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE		SACRED HEART		St. Michael the Archangel	
EASTER VIGIL Saturday, 4/8 No Mass	EASTER Sunday, 4/9 8am - Fr. Rice	EASTER VIGIL Saturday, 4/8 8:15pm	EASTER Sunday, 4/9 8am - Fr. Yanas 10:30am - Fr. Yanas	EASTER VIGIL Saturday, 4/8 8:00pm	EASTER Sunday, 4/9 10:30am - Fr. Rice
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Jesus Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! God is glorified through the resurrection of Jesus and the chains of eternal death are destroyed. Today at this Easter celebration we will be renewing our baptismal promises and we will be sprinkled with Holy water. These are significant actions for the Easter season. Why are we reminded of our baptism during the Easter season?

Pope Benedict XVI observed, "The great explosion of the Resurrection has seized us in Baptism so as to draw us on." Jesus left us the sacramental life of the Church to invite us into a deeper relationship with the Trinity and to offer us salvation.

The word baptism comes from the Greek word *baptize*, which means to plunge or immerse. Immersion is one of three valid ways to baptize, the other two ways being pouring or sprinkling the water. Using the hand to pour water over the head seems to be the most common method. If we understand the meaning of the word baptism then we understand the imagery the Church uses for baptism: we "who have been buried with Christ by Baptism into death may rise again to new life" (Order of Baptism). Coming out of the water we are raised as a new creation, as adopted sons and daughters of God.

The prayer of epiclesis, said to bless the water, recounts the events of salvation history, which is God working in this world to bring humanity back into relationship with God's self. *Epiclesis*, means invocation or to call upon, in this case the priest or deacon is calling upon the Holy Spirit to be present and bless the water. The water washes away the stain of original sin and God claims us as adopted sons and daughters. Do you recognize yourself as a beloved son or daughter of God?

After the person is baptized, they are sealed with the Chrism oil. The Chrism oil is an outward sign of being anointed by the Holy Spirit. As a new creation we are made a member of Christ, priest, prophet, and king. This anointing gives us the power to live and act under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. As a priest we pray and sacrifice ourselves in different ways for others. As a prophet we share the teachings of Jesus and the Church with others. As a king we are called to serve others. Do you recognize your role as priest, prophet, and king?

The liturgical color of Easter is white, which recalls the white garment that is worn by the newly baptized. It is an outward sign that we have been born again in the waters of baptism and that we have risen with Christ. The white garment is also a sign of our Christian dignity. Many of the teachings of our faith begin with a recognition of the dignity of the human person. Do you recognize your dignity and the dignity of those you encounter?

During baptism, the baptismal candle is lit from the Paschal candle. Recall how the Easter Vigil begins in darkness. It is the light from the Paschal candle that breaks the darkness of the church, this is a beautiful imagery that reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world. As the light of Christ is handed on to the newly baptized, we are reminded that we are children of the light and that we need to keep this light burning brightly and persevere in faith so that we may "run to meet the Lord when he comes with all the Saints in the heavenly court." Do you recognize the light of Christ burning within you?

As people who have heard the Gospels, Baptism is necessary for our salvation. Baptism is the door to the sacramental life of the Church that Jesus has provided for us. Through the sacraments, God offers us the opportunity to continuously deeper our relationship with God. They give the strength to discern the will of God so that we can pick up our cross and follow Jesus, the source of our salvation.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, I pray that we will reflect on the questions posed here, so that we may embrace our identity as an adopted son or daughter of God and live as a child of the light

May the peace of Christ be with all of you this Easter season. Deacon Nick





Dear Parish Family,

I am writing to you as your Pastor to wish you a Blessed and Joyous Easter Sunday. I pray that your individual Lenten journeys have been fruitful. This most Holy time of year is an opportunity to share our faith with others; be that family members, friends or just those in need during this Holy Easter Season. An opportunity for each of us to share with those around us the message of Jesus's Love for each one of His beloved sons and daughters.

Our Lenten journeys completed we can share in the glory of the Resurrection. The reciting of the "Gloria" returns to the Mass. The "ALLELUIA" is once again shouted from the mountain tops – The Lord has Risen!!

Please share this beautiful time with one another in community and realize that truly "God is with Us" never to abandon us – He has conquered death once and for all through His Resurrection. That is why we gather as a faith community on this day "EASTER SUNDAY" to share that JOY with one another and all who cross our paths this Holy Season.

May the JOY of Easter enter your hearts and minds in a deeper and more beautiful way.

God Bless,

Fr Pat



Sacraments Available PARISH OFFICE (518) 283-1162

BAPTISM Please call the Parish Office or email Deacon Warren @ warrensafford@gmail.com



RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION Saturday 3:00-3:30pm. Individual Confessions: arranged by calling the Parish Office.



MARRIAGE Couples please call the Office six months in advance and prior to making reception plans.





PASTORAL CARE Please call the Parish Officefor visitation and Communion for the homebound.



Are you or someone you know interested in becoming a Roman Catholic? Never been Baptized, Baptized in another faith tradition or maybe Baptized Catholic but never received First Holy Communion or Confirmation? Please call the Parish Officefor information.

First Annual Art Night Out April 21, 2023

Silent Auction Art Gallery



Hosted at St. Jude the Apostle School Artwork and Class Baskets will be auctioned! Tickets being sold in advance. Art to be submitted by April 18 - All proceeds will go to updating the School Media Lab

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE Saturday, April 15, 8:00am - 1:00pm. PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING AT THE BLOOD DRIVE ! ST. JUDE ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE WILL BE JUNE 24 SPACE IN BETWEEN DONATIONS: 56 DAYS YOU CAN DONATE AT BOTH!





FROM OUR PARISH NURSE

Here we go again! Spring is here and so begins the Spring Allergies already! Scientists say due to the very mild winter none of the molds or even pollens were destroyed so the current recommendation is if you are prone to spring allergies, begin your allergy meds early this year to help avoid symptoms. As a side note, the mild

winter also did not kill off ticks so that may very well be an issue again this year.

WORKING HARD AT SCHOOL

Third Grade with Mr. G. may bring us a TV personality as a Meteorologist one of these days! Currently, the



class is enjoying a Weather Unit. The kids are learning about precipitation, jet streams, different types of fronts as well as all the instruments that meteorologists and climatologists use to measure weather! Recently, they made their own anemometers and tried them outside. The kids loved as they watched their creations spin in the wind!

The whole school is also waiting with bated breath for the birth of chicks! It is an exciting time throughout the school halls. As the weather gets nicer, the students can't wait to bring their classroom outside more and continue to enjoy and thrive with all that St. Jude School has to offer.

"EGG"CITING TIME IN ROOM 5



The month of March started with Read Across America Day! We had so many wonderful mystery readers come and share their love of reading.

Our reading and writing skills continue to grow each day! More and more stu-

dents are excited to read what they have written and get feedback from their friends during our Author's Chair Celebrations. Science is especially egg-citing because we love doing experiments like: Making Magic Potions, Eye Models, Alchemist Potions, and Making Goo. It's always good to have your safety glasses and lab coat handy because you never know when you might need them! We are also hoping to hatch chicks before Easter!





DUE TO EARLY SUBMIS-SION OF THE BULLETIN TO THE PRINTING COMPANY, THE OFFERTORY FOR APRIL 2, WILL BE REPORT-ED AT A LATER DATE.



Thank you for your understanding

MASS INTENTIONS

Sanctuary Votive Light James Kern, by Ernest & Sheila Kern and Son

Holy Saturday, April 8 Mass will be at St. Michael the Archangel at 8pm

Easter Sunday April 9, 8am For All Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Jude

Saturday, April 15, 4pm David J. Castle, Dorothea Castle Karen Anne Parrotta, Linda and Marilyn Signorelli Claire Garcia, Hannigan Family Don Mihalko, Family John Hardie, Anne and David Cannon

<u>Sunday, April 16, 8am</u> Joan Prock, Phibbs Family Bianca Razzano, Martino and Maria Rosaria Tedesco



LIVE STREAM MASSES Via Facebook Pages

St. Jude the Apostle 4:00pm on Saturday 10:30am on Sunday 8:00am on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

St. Michael the Archangel

12:10pm Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday

Rosary for Respect For Life Last Saturday and Sunday of the Month Preceding Mass Saturday at 3:30pm Sunday at 10:00am

> RECITATION OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY For Vocations Wednesday, 7:30am

ADORATION Of the Most Blessed Sacrament

St. Jude, Friday with Benediction 5:30-6:30pm

St. Michael the Archangel Tuesday / 5:30-6:30pm





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